**Religion 8 – Confirmation Sample of student directed learning**

**Step 1:** On October 10, 2011 the 8th grade Confirmation students took a test on Chapter 3. Part of that test included the following self-assessment.

**SELF-ASSESSMENT:**

Rate your understanding of each item below using:

A = I understand and can explain it well.

B = I have a general understanding but am uncertain about some of the details.

C = I do not understand.

\_\_\_\_\_\_ The Nicene Creed \_\_\_\_\_\_ Kingdom of God \_\_\_\_\_\_ magisterium

\_\_\_\_\_\_ the marks of the Church \_\_\_\_\_\_ purgatory

Write a question you would like to have answered. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Step 2:** I made a list of all the questions students asked, looked up possible answers from a number of resources including the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, Did Adam & Eve Have Belly Buttons* by Matthew J. Pinto, *Did Jesus have a last Name?* by Matthew Pinto & Jason Evert, *The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, and The Catholic Sourcebook.* During the following days/weeks all questions were answered and discussed.

Students Questions to be answered…

* How does science mix with religion? Science says that man evolved from apes…science says the earth was formed…
* What does it mean “the Church teaches?” More about the magisterium…
* How long do people go to purgatory? (2)
* How do you know you are in purgatory?
* What if we go to purgatory but don’t make it to heave?
* Why was Mary born without original sin?
* More about the Kingdom of God…and having no end…(4)
* What does it mean to be ‘consubstantial”
* I don’t understand the three persons in one God…and how to distinguish between them (3)
* When Jesus was on earth did he know he was God?
* Even though Jesus said to love our enemies, I’ve hear it is okay to hate the devil. Which am I supposed to do?
* To learn about the Vatican…about Rome…about the Popes
* I want to know the whole story about Lucifer…
* What is heaven like?
* What is the Communion of Saints?
* If Mary was human, how could she be sinless?
* Are the Nicene Creed and the Kingdom of God connected?
* Why do we have the Nicene Cree? Who wrote it?
* What is Jesus? Do we mean “who”?
* Why do we believe in all of this?

**Teacher reflection…**

I found it interesting that as we discussed the above questions students had more questions that were then added to the list. I is good to hear what they are wondering about – some were quite profound.